

PROPOSITION 21 – “PRO” BALLOT ARGUMENT

CALIFORNIA’S STATE PARKS AND BEACHES ARE IN PERIL.

Sacramento politicians have repeatedly cut funding for California’s state parks and beaches in every region of our state. Parks and wildlife are now at immediate risk.

150 state parks were closed part-time or suffered deep service reductions during the past year. Our park facilities are poorly maintained, unsanitary and falling apart.

With no reliable funding, state parks have accumulated a backlog of more than \$1 billion in maintenance and repairs. Cuts in ranger and lifeguard positions have reduced safety and increased crime. The National Trust for Historic Preservation named California state parks among the 11 most endangered places in America.

PROP 21 KEEPS STATE PARKS AND BEACHES OPEN, WELL-MAINTAINED AND SAFE.

Prop 21 gives California vehicles free day-use admission to state parks and beaches by establishing a new \$18 vehicle license fee, paid just once a year, that’s solely dedicated to state parks and wildlife conservation. This immediately-needed and dedicated funding source will prevent the shutdown of our parks and beaches and ensure they are properly maintained and safe for public use.

PROP 21 PROTECTS JOBS AND BOOSTS CALIFORNIA’S ECONOMY.

California’s state parks receive more than 80 million visits from residents and tourists every year, supporting tens of thousands of jobs and generating billions in business and tax revenues for nearby communities and our state. By keeping parks open, Prop 21 preserves very important jobs and revenues.

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PROP 21 PROTECTS IRREPLACEABLE NATURAL AREAS, OCEAN AND WILDLIFE HABITATS.

In addition to keeping our state parks and beaches open and safe, Prop 21 provides essential funding for wildlife and ocean conservation programs, helping preserve natural areas and improve the state's air and water quality.

PROP 21 CREATES A TRUST FUND FOR PARKS THAT POLITICIANS CAN'T TOUCH.

Prop 21 contains tough fiscal and accountability safeguards to protect the voters' investment, including a Citizen's Oversight Committee and annual audits. The revenues will go into a special Trust Fund specifically dedicated to the operation and maintenance of state parks and beaches, the protection and safety of visitors, and the preservation of natural areas and wildlife. Under Prop 21, the money in this Trust Fund cannot be redirected by politicians to their pet projects.

PROP 21 PRESERVES CALIFORNIA'S PARKS AS A LEGACY FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

Our state parks and beaches — and the forests, wildlife, and historic and natural resources they protect — are part of what makes California unique. If we allow them to be degraded or shut down, they cannot be replaced.

Prop 21 will keep state parks open, properly maintained and safe, preserve the opportunities they provide for family recreation, help our economy, and protect jobs.

Early supporters include the Ocean Conservancy, California Teachers Association, Latino Health Access, Public Health Institute, California Travel Industry Association, California State Parks Foundation, California State Lifeguard Association and local businesses and chambers of

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commerce throughout the state. Vote Yes For State Parks and Wildlife Conservation – YES on

21.

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